



# Jefferson Township Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Throughout this school year, your child may participate in a variety of standardized assessments that measure what your child knows and is able to do. The results of these assessments will help us determine if an individual student is excelling or needs additional supports. The aggregated data our educators receive from these assessments can be used to measure the effectiveness of our curriculum and our instructional programs. You will be notified regarding the schedule of testing before the administration of each of these assessments.

New Jersey school districts are required by statute (*N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6*) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 or within 30 days of any additional statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. If specific details are not yet available, districts may insert "To Be Determined" ("TBD").

Information regarding each assessment is detailed below. We are asking parents to use the resources listed below to familiarize yourself with the types of questions and content that will be measured on our assessments. You can use these resources to work with your child to better prepare them for the tests.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of your child. Please contact your child's guidance counselor or building principal should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Key:**

- **Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features** refers to the manual that outlines the accommodations and accessibility options available for the test.
- **Testing Mode** refers to how the assessment will be administered to students. The two modes are computer-based and paper-and-pencil. Some computer-based assessments allow students to take the assessment using paper and pencil. Be sure to inquire about the options if your child has a medical issue that would not allow them to take the assessment on the computer.
- **Testing Time** is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.
- **Testing Window** is the period of time in which districts administer the assessment. It is not the actual number of days it takes a student to complete the assessment. School districts can choose the specific days within the window to administer the test. Please inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of the assessment.
- **Results Available** refers to the date districts receive individualized student results from the assessment. These results should be distributed to students, educators, and families as soon as possible.

Assessment Name	Subject Area	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Testing Mode	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Info for Parents Regarding the Assessment
Fall 2022 Start Strong assessments- English Language Arts (ELA)/ Mathematics/ Science	ELA, Math, and Science	ELA 4-10 Math 4-8, Alg. I & II and Geom. Sci. – 6, 9 & 12	<a href="#">Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</a>	Online only	One 60-minute unit per subject	9/12/22 to 10/21/22	TBD	<a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a>
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Instructionally Embedded (IE) Model; ELA, Math & Science	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3-8 and 11 Science: 5, 8 and 11	<a href="#">DLM Accessibility Manual</a>	Computer-based	10-15 minutes per testlet	9/12/22 to 12/23/22	Immediately	<a href="#">New Jersey DLM</a>
NJSLA ELA/Math Spring Administration	ELA and Math	Grades 3-9, Alg. I, Alg. II and Geometry	<a href="#">New Jersey Assessments Resource Center</a>	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	<a href="#">Unit Testing Times</a>	5/1/23 – 5/26/23	TBD	<a href="#">Parent Resources webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center</a>

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NJGPA Spring Administration	ELA and Math	11	<a href="#">New Jersey Assessments Resource Center</a>	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Two 90-minute units. Total time 180 minutes per subject.	3/13/23 – 3/17/23	TBD	<a href="#">Parent Resources webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center</a>
NJSLA Science Administration	Science	Grades 5, 8 and 11	<a href="#">New Jersey Assessments Resource Center</a>	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Grades 5 and 8: Four 45-minute units for a total of three hours. Grade 11: Four 60-minute units for a total of four hours	5/1/23 – 5/26/23	TBD	<a href="#">NJSLA-S Parent, Student, and Teacher Information Guide</a>
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model; ELA, Math & Science	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3-8 and 11 Science: 5, 8 and 11	<a href="#">DLM Accessibility Manual</a>	Computer-based	10-15 minutes per testlet	4/3/23 – 5/26/23	Immediately	<a href="#">New Jersey DLM</a>
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English language proficiency test	ACCESS: K-12 Alt. ACCESS 1-12	<a href="#">WIDA Accessibility Accommodations</a>	Grade K paper-based Grades 1–12 Online Grades 1-3 writing section on paper	No time limit	2/6/23 – 3/31/23	TBD	<a href="#">Parent Handout</a>  Provided in different languages.
District Technology Assessment	Technology	8		Computer-based	45-60 minutes	5/15/23- to 5/31/23	June 2023	
PSAT	ELA and Math	10 & 11	<a href="#">Accommodations and Supports Handbook</a>	Paper	2 hours and 25 minutes	10/12/22	TBD	<a href="#">Parent Overview</a>

<b>Assessment Subject Area</b>	<b>Administration Date/Time</b>	<b>Grades Covered</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Results Available</b>
<b>LinkIt – Math &amp; ELA Benchmark Assessments</b>				
<b>Form A</b>	9/12/22 - 9/30/22	6 – 12	Yes	Oct. 2022
<b>Form B</b>	1/4/22 – 1/31/22	1 – 12		Feb. 2023
<b>Form C</b>	5/23/22 – 6/15/22	6 – 12		June 2023
<b>ESGI - Knowledge &amp; Skills Assessment</b>				
<b>Trimester 1 assessment</b>	11/15/22 – 12/10/22	K	Yes	Dec. 2022
<b>Trimester 2 assessment</b>	3/1/23 – 3/21/23			Mar. 2023
<b>Trimester 3 assessment</b>	5/23/23 – 6/15/23			June 2023
<b>CogAT – Cognitive Abilities Test</b>	September 2022	3 and 6	Yes	Nov. 2022

\*If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations according to their IEP or 504 Accommodation Plan, parents/guardians should contact their child’s case manager for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.